

Parole Board

MEMBER 1

Your name, Hanover Lorton Trevorsham, sounds like a character in a bad situation comedy puncturing the rich.

CHAIR

It did to me too, until I remembered HLT, Chair when I came on board here.

CONVICT

My grandfather, Sir.

MEMBER 2

Do you see an irony in appearing here as a criminal, when your grandfather...?

CONVICT

I'm sorry M'am, but I don't see it in any literary light. I disgraced his name and deserve the state's punishment.

MEMBER 2

I have no doubt, and many thought there should have been no possibility of parole. But your attorney marshaled so many sterling character witnesses, judges and the like.

MEMBER 1

I can't forget that you took three lives!

CONVICT

And pray to God for forgiveness every day of my life, will continue to do so regardless of today's outcome.

CHAIR

We must tackle two items of business. The psychiatrist's report and your future plan you have laid out.

MEMBER 1

The former is bleak for you. Dr Bechelmist labels you the consummate con man, and an habitual liar.

CONVICT

I don't blame him. I adopted the jailhouse con when I got here and shifted perpetually, depending on my own reading in psychiatry. He hasn't spoken to me lately. I know he'd find a shocking change. A Christian one I'm proud to say.

CHAIR

I'd use those words describing your future plan. Becoming a medical missionary and treating body and soul of Indians in interior Panama?

CONVICT

Bring modern care and Jesus there, yes Sirs and M'am. Yes! For the rest of my life. That is the chance I am begging for!

CHAIR

Well, that impresses all of us. I feel sure in stating that. And going further, I predict you will be paroled. We have discussed your case thoroughly.

But..Chair made a strong statement without an actual vote, so any member can lodge an objection here.

No? Then thank you Han, we're through with you. Congratulations!

CONVICT

You won't regret it. My life will be a force for good under Jesus Christ!

MEMBER 1

Is he gone? I do have a reservation, hardly an objection. I'd like a fuller report from Dr B for the record. It changes nothing, but the original was poorly written.

CHAIR

So ordered. Next case?

SECRETARY

Hector Gonzales.

MEMBER 2

Ten minutes till lunch.

CHAIR

Secretary, turn off the recorder then. Have him sent in. We have just enough time to deal with this pig.